

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD TASK FORCE (TF)

Date: 10/3/06 Time: 10A-12P
Place: 1100 Simonton ST, Gato Building, 1st Floor Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Attendance:

TF Members	Yes	No	TF Members	Yes	No
Alexsa Leto, GAL/HSAB Member	x		Jamie Pipher, GCMK		x
Arianna Nesbitt, FKHSC	x		Nancy Sutton, Legal Services	x	
Deb Barsell, Monroe Co./ TF Chair	x		Susan Gouldy, United Way	x	
Doug Blomberg, Wesley House	x		Wendy Coles, SHAL	x	
BOCC Liaison			Commissioner Spehar	x	
County Grants Management Staff			David Owens	x	
County Grants Acquisition Staff			Ranny Fitzgerald	x	

Discussion Items:

1. Task Force Rules of Engagement

- Listen openly
- Respect each other
- Appreciate diversity
- Present positively
- Cooperate
- Maintain focus

Rules were agreed upon by the members present. In addition, it was agreed that the meeting would be run as an open forum and that the members would take off their organizational hats in addressing the issues to be discussed.

2. Role of Audience & Opportunity for Input

It was decided that the members in the audience would be allowed to provide input at the end of the meeting.

3. Task Force Purpose Clarification

The Task Force was charged to eliminate duplication of services and to create better coordination between nonprofit agencies.

4. Scope of Work

In response to the questions: why are we here and what are we charged to do, issues were presented by the members;

Alexsa:

- a. It is difficult to determine if duplication exists.

- b. What other funding is being distributed by Monroe County?
- c. What is the actual cost of the services provided?

She recommended that the:

1. Task Force takes a more strategic approach in allocating funding, i.e., longer period of time.
2. Members look at the funding allocation as a business decision.
3. Task Force establishes a baseline estimate of administrative costs to provide the services.
4. Task Force is aware of the problems created for the human service organization (HSO) by allocating funding less than requested.

Commissioner Spehar suggested that the Task Force look at the following:

- Creating a taxing district
- 3-year contracts
- Both HSAB-funded and BOCC directly-funded organizations
- Whether more money can be put into services by combining administrative costs
- How to use money the best way it can be used
- Creating a master board to reduce duplication and competition between the human service organizations (HSO's)
- Whether multiple HSO's are applying to provide the same service
- That the present Commission cannot tell future Commissions what to do.

Arianna asked the questions:

1. How do we evaluate the duplication?
2. How does the County create better coordination between the HSO's?

She recommended:

- A needs analysis by students to be performed in the fall of 2007.
- Determine the services the County will fund
- Let the HSO's compete for them.

Dave Owens brought up three problems that should be addressed:

1. Location (Upper, Middle & Lower Keys)
2. Stages of people receiving the services
3. Size of organization and need to be filled

Chair Barsell summarized that the scope of work is to answer the three questions:

- What services is the County willing to fund?
- Which organizations will receive funding?
- How long the funding will be given to the organization providing the service?

The development and use of an Request for Proposal (RFP) process was mentioned.

Comments from Audience

Lou Hernandez – Need more services for seniors.

Need a representative of elder service agency on the Task Force.

Elmira Leto – What services are mandated by Florida Statute?

Need a Grants Manager

Life sustaining support services?

Vicki Weeks – What is the cost of providing the service vs. what the cost is of not providing the service.

Compare nonprofit cost to County cost.

Look at geographic areas served and encourage collaboration

Little to no grants that cover administrative costs

Diana Flenard – Recommended that if the County goes to 3-year contracts that they be staggered.

Add scoring criteria to the applications to the HSAB

Tasks Assigned:

Dave Owens – What social services are in the Sheriff's budget?

Arianna – What are the social services provided by the Health Department?

Deb – What are the social services provided by the County?

What are the directly funding services?

Put the information for the Task Force on County Webpage

Future Meetings:

October 17, 2006 – 10A, Gato

October 31, 2006 – 10A, Gato

November 14, 2006 – 10A, DJJ, GAL, Suite 206, Stock Island

Respectfully submitted:

Ranny Fitzgerald, Grants Acquisition